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Subject: Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility, Lahaina, Maui

To: Nancy Rumrill; EPA region 9 office ; Ground Water Office (WTR-9)
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Subject: Intent to issue an Underground injection control (UIC) permit for the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility, Lahaina, Maui

Aloha, I am writing to comment on the permit for the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility here on Maui.

Injection wells are causing a high amount of degradation of our reefs. A good example is the reef at Kahekili in West Maui near Lahaina. There is a Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources study that shows the abundant algal bloom over reefs in the areas that injection reefs are present. They cause a high degree of bacteria/viruses in the ocean that Maui residents use recreationally everyday.

I request that stringent conditions be placed on the permit. It should be mandated that all injected wastewater must be treated to be very sanitary before being pumped out to the ocean. We could reuse wastewater to irrigate a green belt in dry grass areas so therefore we must build a holding tank for storage of waste water for irrigation and fire fighting.

I request that EPA comes to Maui for a public hearing and to tour the areas of concern. We hope that the EPA can assist Maui in reusing wastewater that is normally injected into the sea!

Mahalo, Angie

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